

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q88235

Kazufumi YAZAKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/538,291

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 9414

Examiner: Mohammad Y. MEAH

Filed: June 10, 2005

For: METHOD FOR SELECTING ESCHERICHIA COLI STRAIN WHICH HIGHLY  
EXPRESSES EXOGENOUS GENES, ESCHERICHIA COLI MUTANT STRAINS  
SELECTED BY THIS METHOD AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ENZYMES AND  
COMPOUNDS USING THE SAME

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of January 10, 2008 from April 10, 2008 to May 10, 2008, thus providing for timely filing by Monday, May 12, 2008 (May 10, 2008 being a Saturday).

The statutory fee of \$120.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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